

## **REMARKS**

In this supplemental amendment, claims 44 and 47 have been amended for clarity. See Figure 12.

In addition, claim 54 has been amended to include the subject matter of former claim 24. Since claim 24 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter in the Office Action of September 5, 2003, it is believed claim 54 should clearly be allowable over Matsumoto.

Allowance of claims 29-54 is therefore still requested..


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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